

### Listing of Claims

The following listing of claims is intended to supercede all previously filed listings of claims. Changes are shown with deletions in ~~striketrough~~ and additions underlined.

Kindly enter the following amendments to the claims:

**Claim 1 (currently amended).** A sports pole mounting structure, comprising:  
a ~~an~~ in-ground sleeve, said ground sleeve configured to be mounted in the ground;  
a support member mounted within said ~~in~~-ground sleeve;  
a sports pole; and  
a bracket attachable to said~~the~~ sports pole and engageable with said support member to support said~~the~~ sports pole and inhibit rotation of said~~the~~ sports pole;  
wherein said bracket includes a first protrusion and a second protrusion, the first protrusion and the second protrusion being positioned to receive said support member between the first protrusion and the second protrusion.

**Claim 2 (currently amended).** The A-sports pole mounting structure according to claim 1, wherein said bracket comprises a first piece and a second piece, the first piece and second piece are secured together around said~~the~~ sports pole and joined by fasteners located on opposite sides of said~~the~~ sports pole.

**Claim 3 (cancelled).**

**Claim 4 (currently amended).** The A-sports pole mounting structure according to claim 13, wherein the ~~engagement member includes at least one protrusion for inhibiting rotation of~~ said~~the~~ sports pole, wherein the ~~at least one~~ first protrusion and the second protrusion extends substantially below the upper surface of the said support member such that the ~~at least one~~ first protrusion and the second protrusion inhibits rotation of said~~the~~ sports pole.

**Claim 5 (cancelled).**

**Claim 6 (currently amended).**      The A-sports pole mounting structure according to claim 4, further comprising a collar having an aperture and at least one engagement section, the collar receiving said~~the~~ sports pole through the aperture and the collar being positionable on said~~the~~ sports pole above said bracket such that the at least one engagement section is engageable with said ~~in~~-ground sleeve.

**Claim 7 (currently amended).**      The A-sports pole mounting structure according to claim 6, wherein the collar further comprises at least two engagement sections of different sizes.

**Claim 8 (currently amended).**      The A-sports pole mounting structure according to claim 6, wherein said~~the~~ sports pole supports a basketball goal.

**Claim 9 (currently amended).**      The A-sports pole mounting structure according to claim 6, wherein said~~the~~ sports pole supports a volleyball net.